

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the paragraph substitutions indicated below. The specific changes incorporated in the substitute paragraphs are shown in the following marked-up versions of the original paragraphs.

The paragraph beginning on page 11, line 16 is amended as follows:

Although conductors 106 and 108 are illustrated in FIG. 3 as being bar-like in shape, they could be ellipsoid, square, rectangular, or any other suitable shape. Also, although conductors 106 and 108 are shown as substantially parallel to one another, they need not necessarily be parallel, and they can be of any suitable geometric pattern. In one embodiment, conductors 106 and 108 are implemented as terminals or pads on the substantially planar upper surface of IC package substrate 102.

The paragraph beginning on page 20, line 16 is amended as follows:

Capacitor 530 can be of the same type as capacitor 720 shown in FIG. 16 and described further below. For example, each capacitor 530 comprises terminals 532 and 534 of first and second polarity types, respectively. Each terminal 532 of capacitor 530 is physically and electrically coupled to a conductor 506 of a first polarity type. Likewise, each terminal 534 of capacitor 530 [[510]] is physically and electrically coupled to a conductor 508 of a second polarity type. Although in the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 12, only one transverse capacitor 530 is shown, more than one could be utilized, provided that conductors 506 and 508 contained appropriate gaps to accommodate them.

The paragraph beginning on page 23, line 24 is amended as follows:

FIG. 19 illustrates a top view of yet another type of relatively long capacitor 750 as used in an embodiment of the invention. Capacitor 750 comprises terminals 752 and 754 of first and second polarity types, respectively, each being disposed along one of two opposing sides of capacitor 750. In addition, capacitor 750 comprises a plurality of terminals 762 and 764 on a third surface (e.g. a top surface) of first and second polarity types, respectively. In other embodiments, capacitor 750 can also comprise a plurality of terminals (not seen) on a fourth

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surface (e.g. a bottom surface) of first and second polarity types, respectively. Capacitor 750 is described in greater detail in the Related Application Invention identified above.